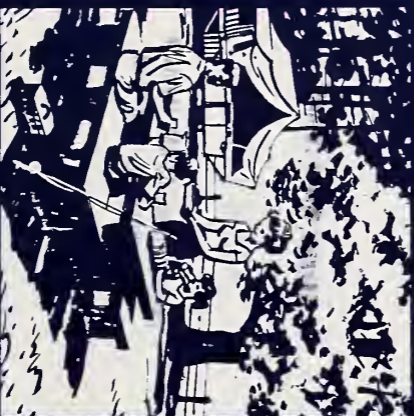


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Year-round Fun on Farm & Forest

More millions of Americans will take to the road this year than ever before. Many of them will find healthy outdoor fun on the National Forests; others will enjoy simple country living on a vacation farm or ranch in Rural America.

Thousands of rural Americans across the Nation have opened their homes to paying guests, offering visitors living quarters, good home cooking, opportunity to take part in farm or ranch work, and lots of just plain fun—horseback riding, hayrides, rodeos. These visitors will swim, fish, and boat on farm ponds and lakes in summer; ice skate and ice fish in winter. Some will enjoy hunting privileges or shooting preserves; others will just camp or picnic in quiet rural scenes, and explore the surrounding meadows and woodlands.

Through technical, financial, research, and educational programs, several agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are helping private landowners to make this rural recreation possible.

- The Soil Conservation Service gives technical assistance for soil and water practices that contribute to recreational opportunities and improved wildlife habitat on farms and ranches in some 3,000 local soil and water conservation districts. In addition, in the last 3 years, the agency has helped more than 31,500 rural landowners develop one or more income-producing recreation areas on their properties. The SCS also provides cost-sharing and onsite technical assistance for recreation in watershed projects.

- The Farmers Home Administration in the last 3½ years has loaned over \$21 million to 207 nonprofit rural associations to build community recreation facilities,

and over \$3 million to over 500 farmers to develop income-producing public recreation facilities in 46 States.

- The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, under its new Cropland Adjustment Program, is shifting 40 million acres from surplus cropland into nonagricultural use, including recreation. ASCS is making an additional payment to owners who will permit free public access to their land for hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking. It is also providing grants to local and State governments to acquire farmland for public recreation, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, and control of air and water pollution.

- The Forest Service conducts forest recreation research, and advises State Foresters and forest landowners on outdoor recreation.

In addition, the Forest Service manages the National Forests for their wood, water, wildlife, forage, and recreation resources. An estimated 165 million recreation visits will be made this year to these public lands. Recreational opportunities in the 154 National Forests, covering 182 million acres in 39 States and Puerto Rico, range from scenic drives to wilderness travel by foot, canoe, or horse, and include hiking, skiing, mountain climbing, swimming, boating, and, subject to State game laws, some of the finest hunting and fishing in the country. The National Forests can accommodate about 56,000 families overnight in 7,200 camp and picnic grounds.

Self-guiding auto tours and walking trails, campfire programs, roadside overlooks, interpretive signs and exhibits, and Visitor Centers contribute to the visitor's enjoyment and knowledge of these public lands.

NATIONAL FOREST VACATIONS

1 --- A brief description of the recreation opportunities—camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, winter sports, water sports, nature studies, wilderness trips—available on the 182 million acres of National Forests. Outstanding attractions and facilities in each of the 154 National Forests are listed. Addresses are given for more detailed information on specific areas. A must for planning your National Forest vacation. Rev. 1960. 66 p. il.
Catalog No. A 13.2:V 13/4/960 30¢

CAMPING

2 --- General information about National Forest camping—where, when, how. Includes a sampling of some of the outstanding attractions and recreation opportunities in the forests. Interesting and useful to both the experienced and the first-time camper. 1962. 16 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.68:502 20¢

SKIING

3 --- Contains an updated directory, with facilities detailed, and a map showing locations of the 169 ski areas in the National Forests. Explains briefly the Forest Service role in skiing—site study and development, research, trend prediction, and safety work. Of interest to both skiers and "snow bunnies." Rev. 1966. 16 p. il.
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BACKPACKING IN THE NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS, A FAMILY ADVENTURE

4 --- A how-to-do-it manual for those families of the cities who dream of exploring National Forest wilderness. Individual areas are listed by State. Tells potential backpacking campers what equipment is needed and the procedures to follow for family backpacking; gives sample menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and lists Forest Supervisors and organizations to contact for additional information. 1963. 31 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.68:585 15¢

WILDERNESS

5 --- Briefly describes the wilderness concept developed by the Forest Service and the establishment of wilderness areas in the National Forests. Gives a sampling of wilderness attractions and recreational opportunities. Contains a map locating 84 wilderness-type areas in the National Forests. Addresses are given for more detailed information on specific areas. Rev. 1963. [16] p. il.
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TREES OF THE FOREST—THEIR BEAUTY AND USE

6 --- The fascination of trees—their solitude and grandeur, their shelter and use—has always been felt by man. Answers in illustration and text a variety of common questions about several great American forest trees. Where do they grow, and why? How are they used by man and other creatures? Points out that each of the 154 National Forests is a living demonstration area where Americans can gain a better understanding and appreciation of our timber heritage and its management by Forest Service Rangers. Also describes several areas of outstanding interest and lists Forest Service field offices where the reader can obtain more information about specific areas. 1964. 24 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.68:613 20¢

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

7 --- Outlines the route of the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia, crossing eight National Forests. Briefly describes points of interest along the trail, accommodations, and organizations to write for further information. Includes safety suggestions. 1964. [8] p. il.
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RURAL RECREATION—NEW OPPORTUNITIES ON PRIVATE LAND

8 --- A listing and concise description of the various opportunities for outdoor recreation on the Nation's farms and ranches. This publication tells how to locate a farm for a farm vacation or a specific type of outdoor recreation such as camping, fishing, and the like. Such activities as swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, horseback riding, skiing, and living on a farm and ranch are described. 1963. 24 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.38:930 20¢

WARM WATER PONDS FOR FISHING

9 --- This bulletin points out the importance of site, erosion control, proper stocking, adequate fertility, and weed control in developing a pond for warm water fish such as bass, bluegill, bullhead catfish, and crappie. It describes how to fish the pond so as to get maximum production, and how to control size of fish. 1965. 16 p. il.
Catalog No. A.9:2210 10¢

HOW TO PLAN A SHOOTING FIELD IN THE NORTHEAST AND CORNBELT

10 --- Contains specific instructions on how to prepare a field for shooting released game birds. Describes the shooting-field layout, what kinds of vegetation to use—sudangrass, sorghums, corn, millets, buckwheat, soybeans, grasses, and shrubs. Suggests management aids and where to get help. 1964. 8 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.35:532 10¢

MORE WILDLIFE THROUGH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

11 --- Lists the various soil and water conservation practices and the types of wildlife attracted by each. Stripcropped fields, farm ponds, field borders, grassed waterways, windbreaks, hedges, living fences, streambank improvement, odd areas, marshes, pastures, range, woodlands—all help conserve soil and provide environment for certain kinds of wildlife. Slightly rev. 1963. 16 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.75:175/3 15¢

AUTUMN OLIVE FOR WILDLIFE AND OTHER CONSERVATION USES

12 --- Describes the new strain, Cardinal, of this popular wildlife plant. Points out various uses beneficial to wildlife such as thickets, rows, on eroded areas, for field borders, screens, barriers, and block planting. Describes planting and care, sources of planting stock, and management. Rev. 1962. 8 p. il.
Catalog No. A 1.35:458/3 10¢

TROUT IN FARM AND RANCH PONDS

13 --- Discusses growing trout in farm and ranch ponds in the cooler parts of the United States. Describes the best site for a trout pond, how to plan it, types of spillways, and care such as protection from livestock and weed control. Tells about stocking and restocking and how to harvest the fish crop. 1961. 16 p. il.
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